

India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) was established in 1956 by an Act of Parliament and was declared as an Institution of National Importance. Recently a Working Group has been constituted to look into the pay structure, perks and attendant infrastructure of 'Centres of Excellence' in the medical and scientific areas with Secretary, Department of Expenditure as Convener. The Working Group will develop norms and parameters which would enable the 'Centres of Excellence' to be separated and identified for the purpose of long term development of such institutions. The AIIMS also comes under the terms of reference of the Working Group.

Amount spent on AIDS awareness

3967. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government to create awareness among the masses about AIDS in different parts of the country during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the achievements made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Amount spend by the National AIDS Control Organisation for HIV/AIDS awareness activities is as follows:

	<i>(Rupees in lakhs)</i>
1998-1999	3955.39
1999-2000	6347.27
2000-2001	6219.00

(b) The funds utilized for AIDS awareness have resulted in raising levels among the general population. According to a Preventive Indicator Survey conducted by NACO the awareness levels about HIV/AIDS has increased from an insignificant level to 68-94% in some urban areas and between 9-35% in rural areas due to the consistent media campaigns under Phase-I.

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The results of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) (1998-99) also show that there has been a rise in the levels of knowledge about HIV/AIDS among target groups. A comparative statement of the NFHS data for the year 1992-93 and 1998-99 is at Statement.

Statement

Knowledge of AIDS a Comparative Statement

		NFHS 2 (1998-99)	NFHS 1 (1992-93)**
S.No.	Name of State	Percentage of Ever Married Ages 15-49 with Knowledge of AIDS	
	INDIA	40.30	
	Urban	70.30	
	Rural	29.70	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	55.30	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	60.40	16.20
3.	Assam	33.70	8.40
4.	Bihar	11.70	
5.	Goa	76.30	41.70
6.	Gujarat	29.80	10.60
7.	Haryana	44.30	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	60.90	
9.	J&K	31.90	
10.	Karnataka	58.10	
11.	Kerala	86.90	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	22.70	
13.	Maharashtra	61.10	18.60
14.	Manipur	92.90	72.50
15.	Meghalaya	44.20	26.70
16.	Mizoram	93.20	84.80
17.	Nagaland	72.40	40.90
18.	Orissa	39.00	
19.	Punjab	54.60	
20.	Rajasthan	20.80	
21.	Sikkim	53.60	
22.	Tamil Nadu	87.30	23.40
23.	Tripura	*	13.20
24.	Uttar Pradesh	20.20	
25.	West Bengal	26.40	9.80
26.	NCT Delhi	79.20	35.80

*Field work on at the time of going to press

**Series of questions on knowledge on AIDS only done in 13 States.